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**Kasich: 'Bottom-Up' Approach Needed To Fight Drug, Mental Health Problems**

Gov. John Kasich on Wednesday said the state needs to continue to focus on mental health and drug addiction issues, but that true change will likely only come from the ground up.

Speaking at the state's 2017 Behavioral Health Conference in Columbus, the governor said the stigma toward mental health is starting to go away, and that continued research on the brain will reveal much more about where mental health concerns come from.

"It's amazing how even here in the 21st Century, that mental illness is viewed somehow differently than physical illness," he said.

Speaking to a roomful of behavioral health providers, he said the front lines of the fight aren't at the state or federal level, but at the local level.

"I've become convinced on so many of these issues, it's in our families and in our communities. It's what we do in our schools, what we do in our churches, what we do in our synagogues," he said. "The biggest way to fix things is not top-down, it's bottom-up."

Gov. Kasich invoked the Civil Rights movement, saying the grassroots-level work was needed to spur movement at the top. As an example, he used Stark County's early embrace of the Crisis Text Line, a service targeted at young people to provide crisis services in a format that's more accessible and private. (*See separate story*)

"We have to set our communities on fire," he said.

The governor said he'd fight to keep the increased level of coverage for Ohioans that came from the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

"Because we expanded Medicaid, we now treat 700,000 people who didn't have health insurance," he said, noting that about a third of them have addiction or mental health concerns.

Regarding the drug abuse epidemic, the governor said the problem stems from a longtime lack of concern about opioid painkillers. Those drugs were overprescribed, and people became addicted.

"I don't know how we ever missed out on the fact that these things were addictive," he said. "Apparently it was happening right in front of us. We had a whole generation of people who were exposed to this willy-nilly approach to painkillers."

As for members of the next generation, Gov. Kasich said he believes they need to have a sense of purpose in life. He gave the example of religious faith, saying it could help deter people from turning to drugs.

"People need to understand how important they are," he said. "No one's ever going to be like them again."

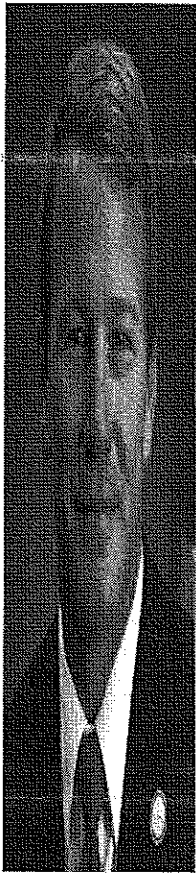
He called on local providers to be innovative and proactive in dealing with their communities, and to reach out to other local groups to find ways to help at the local level.

"Don't sit around and wait for somebody else to show up and fix this stuff," he said.

### **Husted Remains Skeptical Of DHS Designation Of Election Infrastructure**

Secretary of State Jon Husted on Wednesday continued to express reservations about the Department of Homeland Security's decision to designate election infrastructure as a critical subsector.

Before speaking to the Ohio Association of Elections Officials, the Republican said it is currently unclear what the designation means.



Jon Husted

"I'm not sure if this is just a symbolic act on their part or there's something that it actually gives the federal government power to do that they aren't telling us," he said. "The bottom line is we've asked them to put this in writing so we have something we can all work from because I don't want to underreact or overreact to something. Until they give us the facts I think it's wise to be skeptical about what this really means."

The potential gubernatorial candidate, who said he would make his intentions for 2018 known in late winter or early spring, said the move was a hasty one made by DHS.

"There was no rush to do this right now," he said. "There's no federal election for two year so we hope DHS will sit down with secretaries of state from around the country and hear us out on what our concerns are about federal involvement in state elections."

Mr. Husted said he hopes to get clarification on the designation next month when secretaries of state from around the country meet in Washington. Short of that, he said he and other top election officials are prepared to ask DHS to remove the designation. If not, he said, they will ask Congress to clarify that DHS does not have the authority to intervene in local elections.

"We don't want any federal takeover, at any level, of state elections," he said.

In a statement issued by DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, he said the infrastructure designated includes storage facilities, polling places and centralized vote tabulations locations.

"The designation of election infrastructure as critical infrastructure subsector does mean that election infrastructure becomes a priority within the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. It also enables this Department to prioritize our cybersecurity assistance to state and local election officials, but only for those who request it," he said.

"Further, the designation makes clear both domestically and internationally that election infrastructure enjoys all the benefits and protections of critical infrastructure that the U.S. government has to offer. Finally, a designation makes it easier for the federal government to have full and frank discussions with key stakeholders regarding sensitive vulnerability information."

While critical of the designation, Mr. Husted lauded elections officials from across the state for their work during, leading up to and after the 2016 presidential election.

"We told you it would work just fine, and it did," he said to the naysayers who predicted that there would be problems with the election.

Mr. Husted also touted two initiatives taken on by his office: online voter registration and a budget request that seeks no General Revenue Funds over the next two years. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 12, 2016)

Regarding the former, Mr. Husted said just 150 people have registered to vote online since the program kicked off at midnight on Jan. 1.

"These things pick up when we get close to election," he said, predicting that hundreds of thousands of voters will register online, saving millions of dollars over time.

In terms of not seeking GRF money over the next two years, Mr. Husted said he hopes the General Assembly will invest those funds that would have went to his office back into things like education.

"We've walked the talk around our office," he said.

### **ACA Repeal Could Strip \$3.5B From Ohio Budget, Groups Say**

A new report estimates the state would lose out on \$3.5 billion in Medicaid funding in the next budget if congressional Republicans follow through on their plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

That's according to a report Wednesday from Policy Matters Ohio that sought to examine the economic impact of repealing the 2010 law championed by President Barack Obama.

With safe control of the White House and both chambers of Congress, Republicans are itching to repeal President Obama's signature law, which they say has driven up healthcare costs to the detriment of patients.

But the lack of a firm plan to replace the law continues to set off alarms in the minds of Democrats and patient advocate groups. They also contend a repeal would hamper efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in Ohio. (*See separate story*)

The PMO report suggests that the repeal of the law without an adequate replacement would result in:

- About 964,000 Ohioans losing health coverage.
- A \$15 billion increase in indigent care costs to Ohio hospitals.
- \$535 million fewer for Ohio household budgets.

"Repealing the ACA without a known replacement will hurt Ohio's people, its budget and its economy," PMO Senior Project Director Wendy Patton said. "If senators and congress members are going to break this system they must make clear how they will fix it."

In Ohio, U.S. Sen. Rob Portman last week acknowledged it could be a few years between the ACA repeal and the adoption of a replacement. But he sought to assure stakeholders that protections under the ACA will remain in place during that time. (*See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 4, 2017*)

President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday, during his first press conference since the election, labeled the law a "complete and total disaster."

"You're going to be very proud of what we put forth with health care," he said, pointing to rising health care costs as putting the program on the track to "imploding."

"We're going to be submitting as soon as the secretary is approved a plan," he continued. "It'll be repeal and replace. It will be essentially simultaneous."

Speaking at a PMO organized press conference, Berger Health System President and CEO Tim Colburn credited the ACA with driving down uninsured rates and enabling the system to hire additional specialists. He estimates Berger, which has 100 beds and more than 700 employees, has a \$50 million annual economic impact on the Pickaway County area.

In the event of a repeal without an adequate replacement, Mr. Colburn said the company will "have to look sharply" at reducing services and employment.

Ohio State University Associate Professor Beth Liston said she would advocate for improving upon the existing law rather than a full blown repeal.

"The Affordable Care Act saves lives," Ms. Liston said. "It's clear our system is not perfect... But repealing the ACA takes out country backward. We simply can't afford to start from the beginning again."

As Congressional Republicans discuss plans to repeal the ACA, national groups have released their own reports warning of the potential consequences of a repeal.

The Commonwealth Fund said that in Ohio a repeal could result in the loss of 126,000 jobs in 2019, with 39% of those coming in the health care sector, 11% in retail trade and 10% in construction and real estate.

The repeal would cost the Buckeye State \$69.5 billion in lost gross state product between 2019 and 2023, \$119.5 billion in lost business output and \$2.2 billion in lost state and local taxes, the report said.

Greg Lawson, statehouse liaison for the Buckeye Institute, said it's unlikely the law will be immediately repealed without a plan or a process to replace it, and that the policy is in need of changes.

"I would say that we need to be very careful that we understand that we're not going to be just flipping a light switch where everything just disappears in one day," he said in an interview, noting that it's likely a repeal and replacement would be phased in over time.

Mr. Lawson said he didn't think the federal funds for Medicaid expansion would just disappear, but that the federal government would give states more control over how they use those funds.

As for the exchanges, he said there are a number of problems with plans obtained through them, including high deductibles that aren't helped by subsidies.

"We should be looking at this as an opportunity to improve on a policy that had a myriad of failures in it," he said.

### **Workgroup Mulls Redefining Dropout Recovery, Prevention Schools For Evaluation Purposes**

Support and standards for schools serving students at risk of not graduating should be more tailored, some members of a committee reviewing the topic believe.

Those opinions were voiced as the Superintendent's Workgroup on Dropout Prevention and Recovery met Wednesday and discussed the types of state support that may be made available to such schools and how they're defined.

After learning that all schools where 50% of students are at risk of dropping out or have dropped out in the past are defined as dropout recovery schools despite an array of education delivery methods, members raised questions about whether subcategories should be defined.

"We have a really, really broad definition of what dropout prevention and recovery is," said group leader Buddy Harris, who serves as the Department of Education's Office of Innovation director.

"Is our definition that speaks to 16-22 year olds that have dropped out or are at severe risk of dropping out...adequate for us to really build a continuous improvement system on?"

The group's main focus is determining how to set standards for dropout recovery and prevention schools and hold them accountable. He asked members to keep that in mind while reviewing ODE data on the schools.

"If you think about it, we have conversion, we have startup, brick and mortar, virtual, only high school, K-12 - lots of different types of schools yet they all fit under this one umbrella," of dropout prevention and recovery, Mr. Harris said.

Of the 373 community schools in the state, 87 are considered DOPR schools, according to the ODE. Start-up schools that must be opened in challenging districts account for 56 of those and 38 are conversion schools run by their districts.

A dozen of the dropout recovery and prevention schools are virtual while the rest are brick and mortar. Most of the state's 16,000 DOPR students attend classes in physical school buildings.

ODE Data Administration Manager Letitia Kotila said 80% of start-up schools' populations, on average, consist of economically disadvantaged students. More than half of those schools did not meet state expectations last year.

Meanwhile, conversion schools, which are often focused on preventing students from dropping out, post better graduation rates and are more likely to meet standards, she said.

The review of how different types of schools serve students and their outcomes under current standards led Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) to say she doesn't think the current broad definition of DOPR schools is accurate.

"I don't know how you can possibly be setting standards without a better, more narrow focus of what type of school you're looking at," she said. "There is nothing that says you

can't have a common definition, but within that we may need to be looking at different types of schools."

Superintendents who serve on the committee as well as those who participated as audience members said they're particularly concerned about being judged on graduation rates.

Startup schools that serve only high school students are more likely to take in students who had extended breaks from school and need to recover a number of credits, they said.

In the past, school leaders have suggested that the state set standards for DOPR schools that gauge their abilities to retain and motivate students throughout the process toward their diplomas. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 13, 2016)

Chad Aldis, vice president of Ohio policy and advocacy for the Fordham Institute, suggested the state begin digging deeper into DOPR student records to determine where they're truly at in their pathway to a diploma and possibly estimate how long it will take them to graduate.

The data, which would be provided to school leaders, could help the state determine what schools and students need the most assistance to succeed, he said.

Currently, ODE does not provide assistance to dropout prevention and recovery schools through the Ohio Improvement Process that certain traditional schools are required to follow.

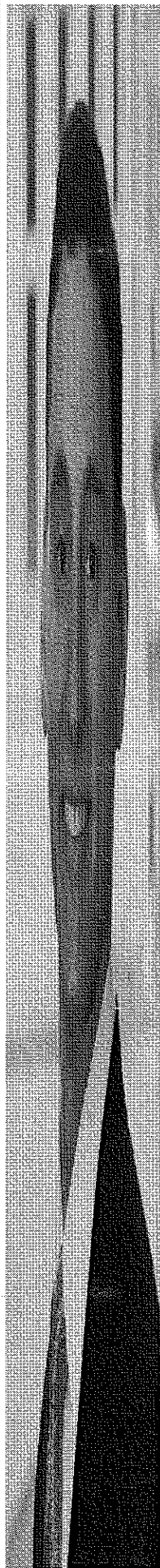
That may change, however, once new federal laws go into place next school year requiring the state to identify and help the lowest performing 5% of public schools, ODE staff predicted.

### **Mandel Seeks To Win 2018 Senate Race With Help Of 'Grassroots Army'**

In an effort to knock off just one of two statewide elected Democrats, Treasurer Josh Mandel said he plans to make both an ideological and generational argument in his 2018 campaign against U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown.

If Mr. Mandel becomes the Republican Party's nominee in the 2018 U.S. Senate race against the Avon Democrat, he said he will make the case that Sen. Brown is too liberal for Ohio and has been in politics for too long.





Josh Mandel

The Ohio Democratic Party, though, painted Mr. Mandel as an overly ambitious politician hobbled by ethical issues.

"Over Josh Mandel's decade-and-a-half long career as a politician he has lurched from one campaign to another because he's always been more focused on getting the next job than doing the one taxpayers pay him to do," ODP spokesman Jake Strassberger said in an email.

"That's why he hired his cronies, gave them raises, and exchanged access to the official treasurer's letterhead in exchange for \$100,000 in campaign contributions - and it's why after 7 runs in 15 years, Ohioans know him as a politician we just can't trust."

To earn the right to take on Sen. Brown, however, Mandel will first have to secure his party's nomination, and he could face primary opposition from U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-Galena), who is likely to have the backing of Gov. John Kasich. Others could also enter the GOP race if Congressman Tiberi declines to run.

Mr. Mandel said he is ready for a primary battle.

"I believe that as iron sharpens iron, man sharpens man," he said in an interview. "I'm a proud, unabashed conservative, and if we end up having a primary, we are ready to win it."

Over the coming months, Mr. Mandel expects to build his campaign operation across the Buckeye State, which is what led him to become the first 2018 statewide candidate to publicly announce his intentions.

"Ohio is a big state and this will be one of the top senate races in America, so we wanted to start early building this grassroots army," he said. "There are 88 counties and it takes a long time to build an army of grassroots activists. We've got a great foundation, but we've got to build it stronger and stronger to beat Sherrod Brown next year."

Mr. Mandel was defeated by Sen. Brown by a margin of 50.7%-44.7% in 2012. He predicted a rematch will turn out differently.

"The last race was the closest U.S. Senate race in the past 40 years in the state of Ohio, and that was in a presidential election when there was very high turnout in the urban areas. This next race will be in a midterm election and it will be a completely different race," he said.

In order to ensure that it is a different race, Mr. Mandel said he plans to go after Sen. Brown as a career politician whose politics are more befitting a blue state.

"I'll be 40 years old. Sherrod Brown will be 40 years in politics. He's voted with President Obama and the Democratic Party 99% of the time. His politics are more in line with

Vermont and Massachusetts and San Francisco, not Ohio. We're going to make an ideological argument that he's out of touch with average Ohioans, but we're also going to make a generational argument," he said.

"I've never lived in Washington. I've never worked in Washington. I have no plans to spend the rest of my life there. Whereas Sherrod Brown campaigned on term limits when he was first running to go to Washington, and then when he got there he miraculously changed his mind and he's been there for two decades. I think people are sick and tired of politicians like that who've gone to Washington to do good and then stayed in Washington to do well."

### **Report: Health Care Law Repeal Could Result In 220,000 Ohioans Losing Access To Mental Health, Addiction Treatment**

More than 220,000 Ohioans with addiction or mental health disorders have coverage under the Affordable Care Act that Republicans in Congress are currently strategizing to repeal, according to a new report.

A report from Harvard Medical School and New York University on Wednesday revealed that 151,257 Ohioans needing treatment for addiction and mental health disorders have gained coverage as a result of Medicaid expansion. Another 69,225 have purchased private insurance through the federal marketplace.

Under a repeal of the healthcare law that's being discussed by the GOP, 1.3 million Americans with abuse and mental health disorders nationwide stand to lose their health coverage, the report states.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) said any move to repeal the law and not replace it with an improved version would be "incredibly stupid" as many states, including Ohio, fight to stem the tide on overdose deaths.

Congress last year approved about \$1 billion to fight against the opiate epidemic in the country, but eliminating the ACA would result in states losing \$5.5 billion in federal dollars geared toward treatment and recovery. Other studies have found Ohio would lose about \$3.5 billion in total federal dollars tied to the healthcare law. (*See separate story*)

"Repealing the law would immediately interrupt treatment for hundreds of thousands of Ohioans who are struggling with addiction and fighting for their lives," Sen. Brown said. "Local communities all across Ohio are doing their part to combat the opioid crisis. We cannot let the federal government pull the rug out from under their work with so many lives at stake."

Joining Sen. Brown in a conference call with reporters, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Thomas Gilson said now is not the time to be reducing access to addiction treatment.

Although toxicology reports from overdoses in 2016 are still coming in, Mr. Gilson said his county is already guaranteed to see a significant increase in related deaths.

With the data Cuyahoga County has compiled so far, 514 individuals have died as a result of overdosing on heroin and fentanyl as well as its offshoots, such as carfentanyl, he said. That total is an increase over 228 deaths under the same circumstances in 2015.

"Behind every number is a family torn apart," Sen. Brown said.

Steve Wagner, executive director of Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio, said it's important that everyone have access to the healthcare they need, but the services provided by the ACA to those facing opioid addiction are most critical.

"The opioid epidemic is devastating families throughout Ohio. Mothers, fathers, and children are losing their lives to addiction. Congress's plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act without a replacement would leave them in the cold, without access to the treatment they need," he said.

Half of the federal Medicaid expansion dollars go to medication assisted treatment, an option that is expected to expand in Ohio as a result of recently signed legislation permitting private companies to offer services.

Before signing the bill (SB 319) last week, Gov. John Kasich said such treatment is one of the major reasons he hopes to see Medicaid expansion remain in place or be replaced before being repealed.

"Medicaid expansion, which I'm going to be talking about in Washington, has allowed our local mental health and drug operations to be able to treat people," he said at the time.

Greg Lawson, Statehouse liaison for the Buckeye Institute, said the ACA is a flawed law that needs to be fixed, and policymakers working on repealing and replacing it are going to be cognizant that they need to maintain services targeting the opioid crisis.

"We're going to be reforming Medicaid, but we're still going to have resources that are going to be available to target some assistance," he said in an interview. "I think that it's going to be incumbent on policymakers to think through, not only at the federal level but at the state level, how do we do that."

Mr. Lawson said the state or the federal government can also focus on reforming other aspects of government that touch the opioid problem, such as the criminal justice system.

"Can we redirect some of that funding through smarter crime initiatives? I think that's one thing that we need to take a look at," he said.

## **State, Local Mental Health Authorities Push Awareness Of Crisis Text Line Service**

Local behavioral health agencies are working to promote a resource that helps bridge gaps in crisis hotlines, and in particular helps reach out to younger people in need of support.

Crisis Text Line, a free nationwide resource that puts trained crisis counselors a text message away, has been available for about three years. State and local mental health officials are working to promote the resource to help those suffering from an emotional or mental health crisis.

The anonymous, 24-hour text line is available by texting the keyword "4hope" to 741741.

"Solutions really need to be locally oriented," Tracy Plouck, director of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, said at a Columbus news conference Wednesday. "I think this is something where people took a step and it was able to be brought to a greater scale."

Since it launched, more than 15,000 Ohioans have had more than 33,000 conversations through the Crisis Text Line, leading to 243 active rescues in the state, said Nancy Lublin, CEO and founder of Crisis Text Line. Of those who used the service, 79% were under the age of 25 and 10% were under the age of 13.

Teenagers and other young people are often more likely to use a texting service than to call a hotline, Ms. Lublin said. It provides more privacy, by keeping from being overheard, and the texts don't cost anything or show up on bills, providing more anonymity.

What has spurred its growth in Ohio, Ms. Lublin said, was the engagement from local behavioral health agencies and the state.

"Ohio is really the first state to take this free resource and really run with it," she said.

The state began promoting the service late last year (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 30, 2016), but the first local entity to start spreading it was Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery. Stark County started promoting the line through schools in 2014, and now spreads the word through a number of different outlets, using a combination of state and local funding.

In November 2016, the county saw about 300 conversations with 175 different people, Stark County MHAR Executive Director John Aller said.

The people who use the service report a variety of different concerns, including family issues, depression, romantic issues, stress and suicidal ideation, he said.

It's the collection of data, Director Aller said, that helps the county best target services. When they saw usage went down during the summer when school was out, they started looking at other ways to promote the service. They targeted movie theaters, and saw a rise in engagement.

The data also helps the agency identify what problems need more attention, he said.

"Crisis Text Line allows local communities to tailor for their local communities," he said.

Cheri Walter, CEO of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, said the county has proved to be a model for how local agencies can leverage resources to help their communities.

"Stark County really rolled this out and really was the prototype for how this was going to work," she said.

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties is one of the local entities following Stark County's lead. Mircea Handru, the board's executive director, said the challenges are different in a rural area, but the need is the same.

"Being a rural community, we are approaching every church in our communities, the local YMCA, summer camps, some high schools to promote it at halftime during basketball games," he said. "Especially when it comes to a rural community, we just have to look outside the box."

### **Ohio Among Top 10 States In Corporate Clean Energy Options, Study Finds**

Ohio ranks eighth in the country when it comes to corporate clean energy procurement, according to a new report.

Compiled by the Retail Industry Leaders Association and the Information Technology Industry Council, the report provides an in depth look at the ease with which major retail companies can procure renewable energy on a state by state basis.

"Retailers are at the forefront of the growing trend to procure clean energy to power their operations; this index will help them focus on the states that are conducive to doing business," RILA Senior Vice President Adam Siegel said in a statement. "We urge state governments to look hard at steps they can take to promote customer choice for renewable energy so that they can open the doors to new investments."

The report rates states based on utility purchasing options, third-party purchasing options, and onsite/direct deployment options, which are used to calculate an index score for each state. Iowa took the top spot in the list with an index of 74.73, followed by Illinois, New Jersey, California, Texas, Massachusetts, and New York.

Ohio came in eighth place with an index score of 59.66; the state ranked eighth for both utility purchasing options and third-party purchasing options, and fifth for onsite/direct deployment options.

But despite Ohio's place near the top of the list, the report highlights one roadblock: a 2014 law establishing a minimum 1,125-foot property line setback for wind turbines.

Businesses, including representatives of Amazon, testified in the House last year and urged lawmakers to revise the setbacks. That effort failed, as did attempts to eliminate the setback via amendments during the waning hours of the lame duck session. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 18, 2016)

The report said the setback "has effectively scuttled most new wind farm development in the state. Ohio is the only state with such tight restrictions in place, but legislative efforts are underway in other states."

Such barriers should be removed by state lawmakers, the report argues, to avoid turning away investment opportunities.

Overall, the report lays out a five-point plan for lawmakers to draw investment to their states. Acknowledging there is no "one-size-fits-all solution," the report recommends state policymakers across the country:

- Remove barriers to corporate onsite and offsite renewable installations deployment.
- Support developing next generation options to purchase renewables through regulated utility markets.
- Expand energy choice options in regulated markets.
- Ensure adequate markets exist for renewables through utilities and third-party programs.
- Ensure the ability for renewables in regulated and deregulated markets can rapidly scale up.

Tech companies are increasingly investing in areas where they can procure wind and solar energy. Amazon, for example, is building two wind farms in Ohio while IKEA plans to install 1.21 megawatt solar system at its soon-to-open Columbus store this year.

"The technology industry is increasingly transitioning to clean energy to meet customer demands, consumer expectations and our own strong sustainability commitments," ITI Senior Vice President Rick Goss said. "Clean and renewable energy sources are good for the environment, and they provide energy reliability and price stability benefits that are good for business. States interested in growing their tech sector should embrace this trend."

**Agency Briefs: Mandel Announces 'Checkbook' Milestone; DeWine Reports On Fraud Cases; ONG; OSHP; ODA**

Treasurer Josh Mandel on Wednesday touted a milestone in his effort to bring more transparency to government spending.

Speaking to members of the National Federation of Independent Business/Ohio, he said more than 1,000 local government and school districts have now agreed to post their spending information on OhioCheckbook.com.

"This information, this money, doesn't belong to the politicians," he said. "It doesn't belong to the bureaucrats. It belongs to the people."

He touted the online database as a tool for engaged citizens, journalists, state lawmakers preparing for budget hearing, law enforcement officials and businesses.

"This is a great tool for smoking out waste, fraud and abuse," he said.

Mr. Mandel said that in the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, he will continue to push for legislation that would require state spending information to be posted online.

"We're going to get this bill reintroduced and we're going to make it a priority," he said. "I'm going to be out of the state treasurer's office by the end of next year and I want to make sure that the next state treasurer is required to keep all of this spending information online."

**Attorney General:** Mike DeWine has ordered Autumn Health Care of Zanesville, Inc. to repay more than \$167,000 fraudulently obtained from Medicare and Medicaid

Autumn Health Care and owner Steven Hitchens pleaded guilty to charges filed in 2014 after an investigation by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the AG reported.

The investigation uncovered that multiple managers routinely changed official documents to overstate the quality of care given to residents, and the corporation profited from giving unnecessary treatment to patients as well as missing treatments.

In a separate release, Mr. DeWine announced a lawsuit against Buckeye Impact Group LLC and Premier Design Group LLC, which are telemarketing firms accused of a fraudulent "work-from-home" scheme.

The AG said an investigation debunked the telemarketers' claim to sell personalized websites that would allow consumers to work from home and make a profit as an Amazon affiliate.



"People were told they could make a lot of money if they put up some of their own money first," Mr. DeWine said in a statement. "We found that just wasn't true. People were paying hundreds or thousands of dollars and getting next to nothing in return."

In a separate case involving election law violations, an East Liverpool Woman pleaded guilty to charges of voter fraud in Columbiana County, the AG reported.

Rebecca Hammonds, 34, pleaded guilty to 13 counts of making a false registration and one count of election falsification, which are all fifth-degree f, the AG said.

Ms. Hammonds was indicted in May after an investigation by the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation found that Hammonds had created false voter registration documents while working to register unregistered voters in Columbiana County between September and October of 2015..

**State Auditor:** Dave Yost released a report finding that a Goshen Township trustee and former fiscal officer illegally accepted in-term pay increases through a health benefits program.

"In-term pay increases are a violation of state law," Mr. Yost said. "This includes an elected official's participation in a health program authorized by a board of trustees after the start of his or her term."

Findings for recovery in the amounts of \$2,600 and \$3,250 were issued against the two officials, and the former has been repaid, according to the auditor.

**Ohio National Guard:** The 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment, are deploying in support of operations in Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

The call to duty ceremony for the 360 soldiers being deployed was held Wednesday at the Bowling Green State University Stroh Center.

**State Highway Patrol:** Thirty-seven members of the 136<sup>th</sup> Basic Peace Officer Class graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy last week.

After a 21-week basic course covering more than 150 topics, the 37 graduates will serve with 26 Ohio agencies.

**Agriculture:** Leaders of the Agriculture Coalition will be available 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday to discuss the uniqueness and importance of the Agriculture Fertilizer Applicator Certification Program and how to become certified.

To participate in the meeting, use the dial-in number: 877-347-5524 and conference code: 6840274863.

**Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Wednesday, January 25**

Arts Council, 30 E. Broad St., 33rd Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

**Thursday, January 26**

Optical Dispensers Board, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 9 a.m.

**Supplemental Event Planner**

**Wednesday, January 11**

Superintendent's Workgroup on Dropout Prevention and Recovery, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 14**

Ohio Clerks of Court Association legislative reception, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

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## **Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, January 12**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

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### **Event Planner**

**Ohioans to Stop Executions Press Conference news conference, Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 10 a.m.**

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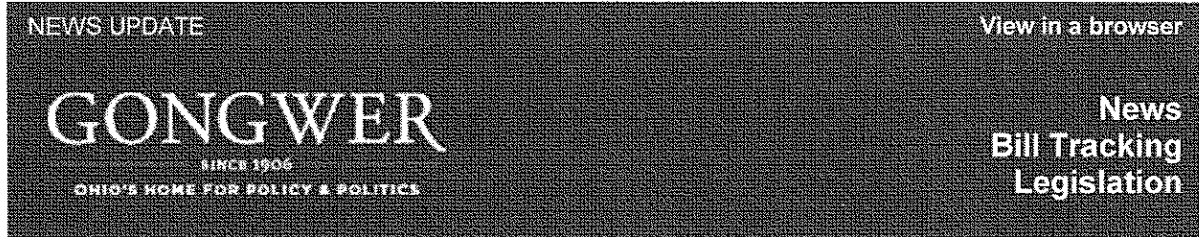
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As previously revealed by the chamber leader, the list of legislative panels includes a new Aging & Long-Term Care Committee. Also new is the Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee, and the speaker split the Judiciary panel into two focusing separately on criminal and civil justice.

The announcement follows the appointment of Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) to again lead the Finance Committee.

Full committee memberships will be unveiled later this month.

The House committee list and chairs are:

### **Agriculture & Rural Development**

Chair: Rep. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville)

Vice chair: Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield)

## **Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security**

Chair: Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott)

Vice chair: Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City)

## **Aging and Long Term Care**

Chair: Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton)

Vice chair: Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville)

## **Civil Justice**

Chair: Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood)

Vice chair: Rep. Jim Hughes (R-Upper Arlington)

## **Community & Family Advancement**

Chair: Rep. Tim Ginter (R-Salem)

Vice chair: Rep. Margy Conditt (R-Liberty Township)

## **Community & Family Advancement Subcommittee**

Minority Affairs: Chair to be determined

## **Criminal Justice**

Chair: Rep. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville)

Vice chair: Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton)

## **Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**

Chair: Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township)

Vice chair: Rep. Anthony DeVitis (R-Green)

## **Education & Career Readiness**

Chair: Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell)

Vice chair: Rep. Marilyn Slaby (R-Copley)

## **Energy & Natural Resources**

Chair: Rep. Al Landis (R-Dover)

Vice chair: Rep. Christina Hagan (R-Alliance)

## **Federalism & Interstate Relations**

Chair: Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson)

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## **Finance**

Chair: Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell)

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## **Finance subcommittees**

Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources (Chair: Rep. Andy Thompson, R-Marietta)

Health and Human Services (Chair: Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Mansfield)

Higher Education (Chair: Rep. Rick Perales, R-Beavercreek)

Transportation (Chair: Rep. Rob McColley, R-Napoleon)

Primary and Secondary Education (Chair: Rep. Bob Cupp, R-Lima)

State Government & Agency Review (Chair: Rep. Keith Faber, R-Celina)

## **Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development**

Chair: Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Madeira)

Vice chair: Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay)

## **Government Accountability & Oversight**

Chair: Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Colerain Township)

Vice chair: Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin)

## **Health**

Chair: Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City)

Vice chair: Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green)

## **Higher Education & Workforce Development**

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## **Insurance**

Chair: Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Mt. Lookout)

Vice chair: Rep. Mike Henne (R-Clayton)

## **Public Utilities**

Chair: Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati)

Vice chair: Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township)

## **Rules & Reference**

Chair: Speaker Clifford A. Rosenberger (R-Clarksville)

Vice chair: Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton)

**State & Local Government**

Chair: Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills)

Vice chair: Rep. Stephen Hambley (R-Brunswick)

**Transportation & Public Safety**

Chair: Rep. Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab)

Vice chair: Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake)

**Ways & Means**

Chair: Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster)

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I need to write this exact letter on my stationary. Forward a copy to Bess Vrettos as well. Call with questions. If we are forced to use Senate stationary, date the letter December 29

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**From:** Bess Vrettos <[bvrettos@davisaandm.org](mailto:bvrettos@davisaandm.org)>  
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Mrs. Fowler-Mack,

I am writing to congratulate PHASTAR and the CMSD on the opening of Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School. The journey and vision for this High School started over 5 years ago, when I was invited to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility

of such a school by Bess Vrettos.



I have watched the PHASTAR Team work tirelessly over the years to bring their concept and vision to life. PHASTAR infused their vision and passion for aviation and maritime education to guide the development of a school and create a new

and innovative learning culture. PHASTAR has not been shy about voicing the need to prepare our young people to meet future challenges. They have created an educational opportunity that prepares the youth in our community for success while energizing them

to learn.

CMSD is to be congratulated for undertaking wide-ranging reforms with increasing urgency over the last decade. These reforms have brought positive changes in the District's primary and secondary schools. CMSD is always in the forefront

of providing quality education and takes the lead to try new initiatives, while at the same time upholding its fine tradition.

The launch of Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School and the thematic programing PHASTAR has designed will be a benchmark in the history of education within the CMSD portfolio. The inaugural class of 2021 will be the first to benefit

from Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School. Through CMSD's excellent leadership in education and the strong progressive management of the school that PHASTAR provides, the head of school, teachers and parents will have all of the right elements to provide

for student success. I have confidence that together PHASTAR and CMSD will make this school incredible.

PHASTAR is eager to augment the traditional education in order to prepare our young people to meet future challenges and is devoted to developing our youth into young adults of wisdom who are committed to pursuing excellence and to grooming

generations of well-rounded and civic-minded young adults, who will be given the skill sets to become distinguished leaders in our community.

Getting here has not been easy.

Thank you for allowing me to share in the evening celebrations launching the school. It was an honor to share my father's memories aboard a bomber in World War Two, being saved by the Tuskegee Airmen

Bess has worked with me over the last \_\_\_\_ years on many projects in Northeast Ohio I have confidence in her abilities.

Again, congratulations to all and I wish everyone an unforgettable experience. If I can be of further assistance, please have Bess contact me.

As Pogo said, and I paraphrase, "We have seen the future and it is us!"

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CC: D. Andrew Ferguson

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio plans to regulate submeter companies, but the state's largest electricity utilities say that regulators are not going far enough to rein in abusive practices by these companies.

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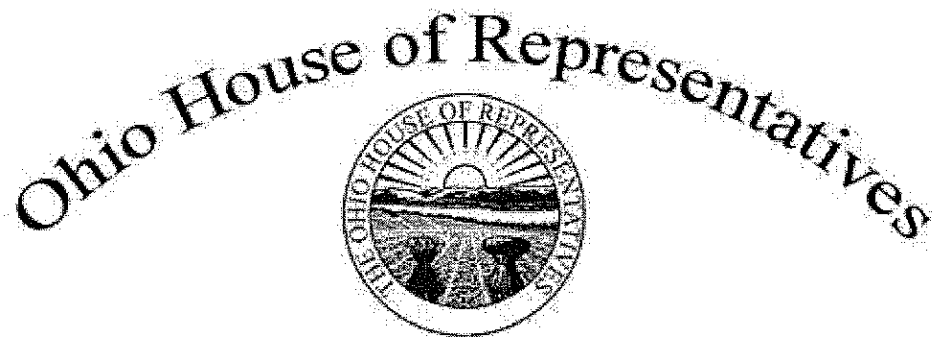
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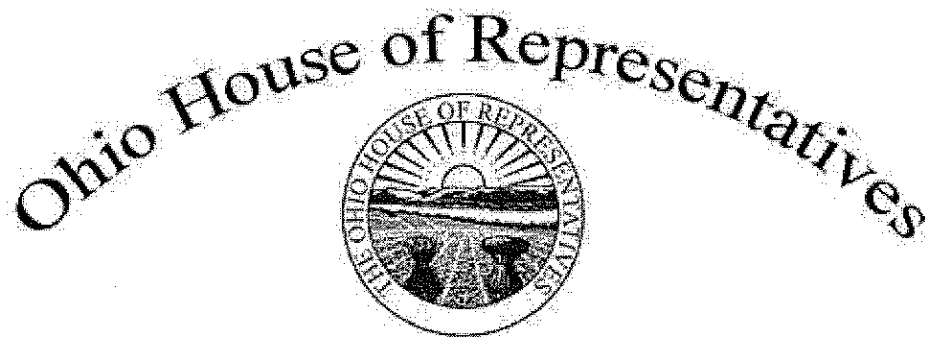
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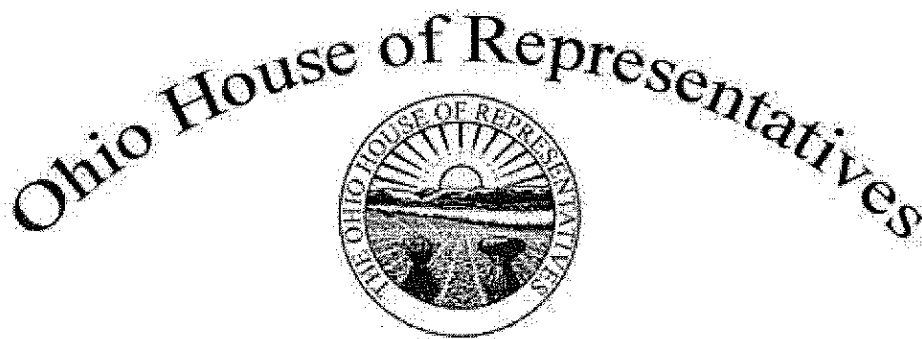
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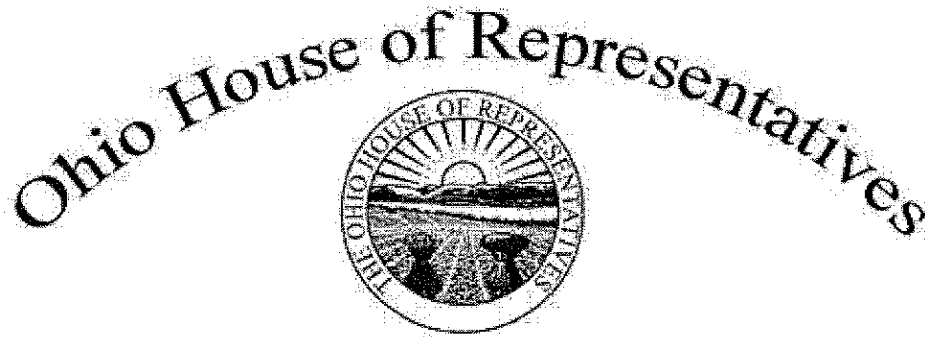
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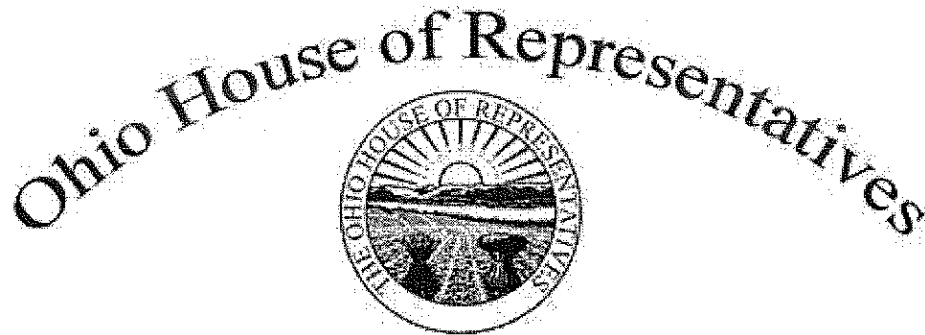
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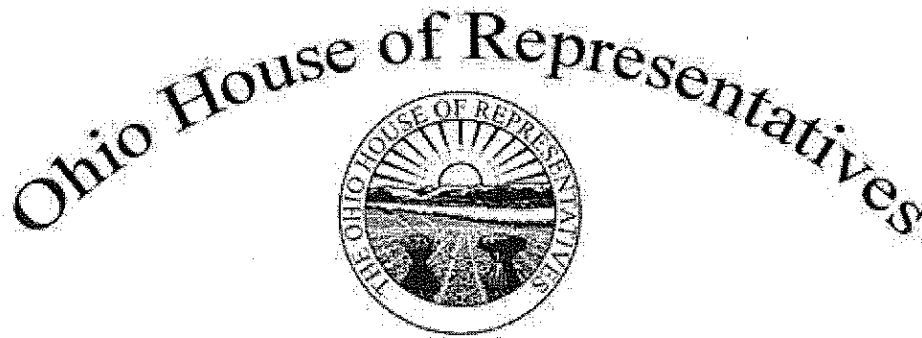
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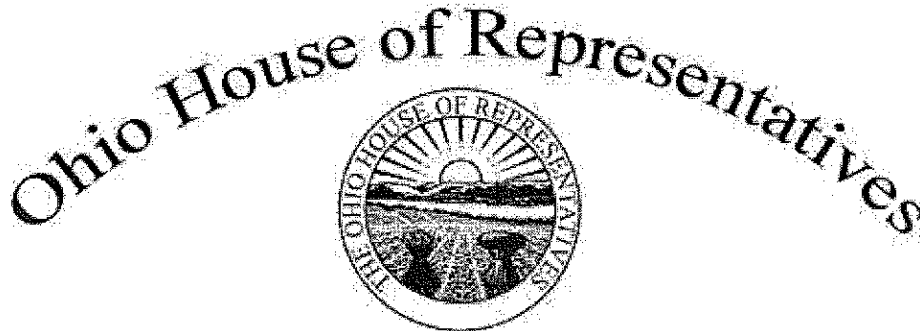
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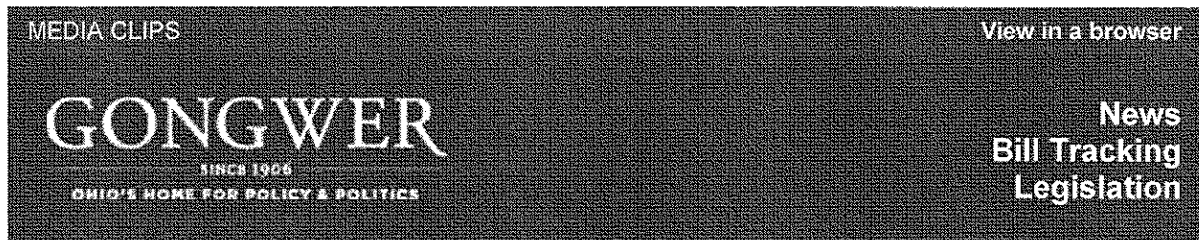
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Gov. John Kasich said Amazon picked northern Kentucky over Wilmington in large part because the airport in Covington has plenty of capacity and the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky metro area has the workforce.

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A proposal from Ohio Gov. John Kasich would add three non-voting members to every local school board to keep them apprised of the needs of the business community.

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As congressional Republicans consider a national "right to work" law, Ohio state legislators said Ohioans don't necessarily want anti-union legislation.

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## **The Vindicator**

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Ohio Gov. John Kasich seemed to be in a feisty mood Wednesday when he fielded questions from the press at a forum sponsored by the Associated Press in Columbus.

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**NEW OHIO GOP CHAIRWOMAN JANE TIMKEN'S MESSAGE FOR KASICH ALLIES: 'I WILL NOT KEEP SCORE'**

New Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken pledged Wednesday not to retaliate against those who did not back her campaign.

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The state will appeal a Cuyahoga County court decision that upheld Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law guaranteeing that local residents get a percentage of work on public projects.

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The Ohio U.S. Senate race in 2018 is on track to get expensive. Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci of Ohio appears to be on the path to run for governor.

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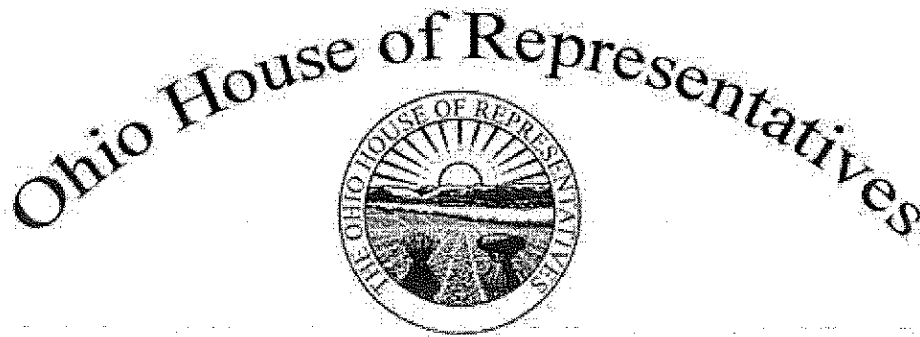
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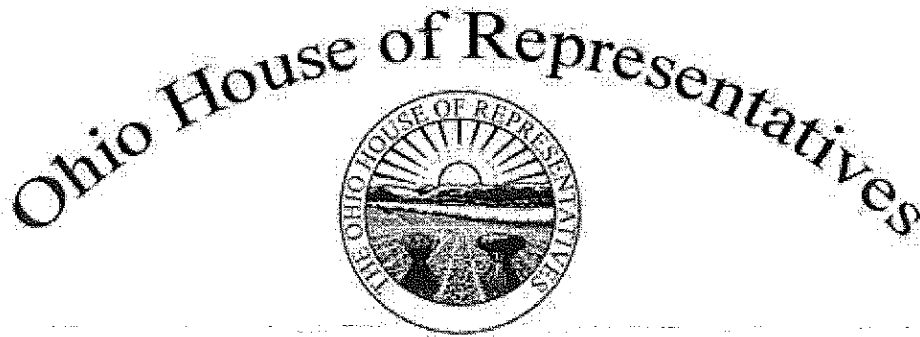
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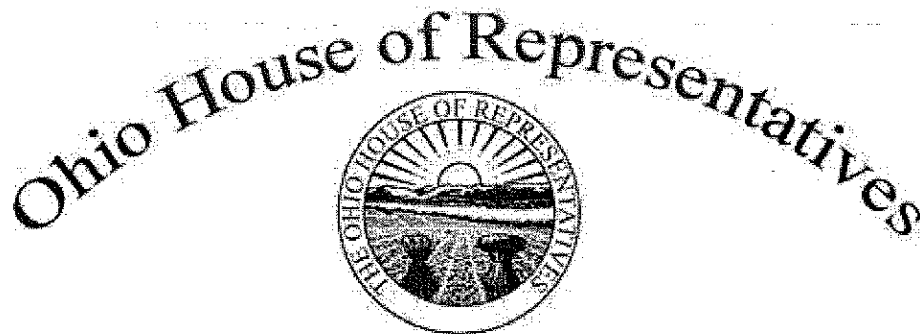
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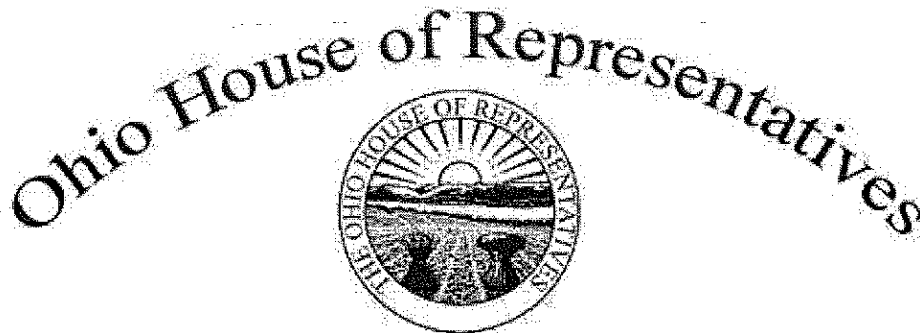
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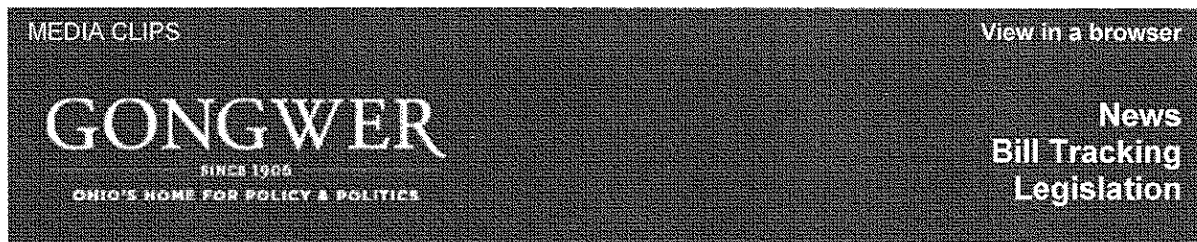
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How young is too young? 36,000 elementary school suspensions  
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Kasich: Enough with the 'Rust Belt' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2017)

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Josh Mandel, gearing up for 2018 Senate run, has recruited campaign leaders in all 88 Ohio counties (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Learn how much a new college savings proposal in Ohio could save you (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

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**Kasich to give State of State in home of roller coasters and merry-go-rounds (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)**

**Statehouse maneuvering: Householder wants off committees (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)**

**The Daily Briefing: Former congressman, state lawmaker form lobbying firm (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)**

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**Gov. Kasich looks to make big changes to K-12 schools (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)**

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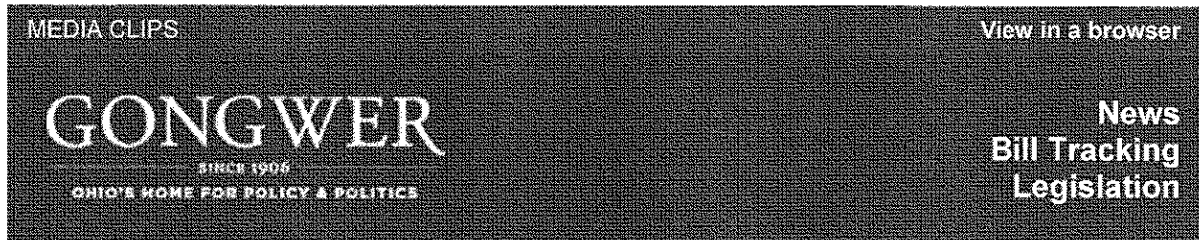
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Ohio teachers would have to job shadow at a business to renew licenses under Gov. John Kasich's budget (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Sen. Rob Portman says he listened to fierce critics of Betsy DeVos but 'did my own research' (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Superintendents: Cut state tests, end As and Fs on state report cards (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

**Are local resources enough to combat Ohio's opioid epidemic?  
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**New national security adviser a Dayton native (Dayton Daily News,  
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Roger T. Winemiller lost his sister to a heroin overdose the night before Easter last year.

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President Donald Trump's first few weeks have left Washington disoriented and environmentalists worried.

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House Democrats say Ohioans need to wake up and realize the Republican tax plans passed over the past decade have not been working to create jobs.

### **MOST VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD LOSE FUNDING UNDER KASICH PROPOSAL**

Like Ohio's libraries and K-12 school districts, vocational schools soon could be feeling the squeeze of Ohio's tightening purse strings.

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Even if your eyes glaze at the mere mention of Medicaid, this might widen your peepers: Ohio's revamped setup is saving taxpayers \$1 billion annually — and the amount is growing.

### **OHIO NURSES WANT LAW LIMITING NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS**

Arguing that hospitals put patient care at risk by overworking essential front-line caregivers, nurses across Ohio are pushing lawmakers to limit the number of patients for whom they are responsible.

### **EDUCATION INSIDER: SOME IN COLUMBUS SCHOOLS DATA-RIGGING SCANDAL YET TO BE PUNISHED**

Will the state Department of Education ever discipline dozens of Columbus City Schools principals and other administrators who participated in the district's data scandal?

### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: ROB SECAUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OHIO GOP**

The Ohio Republican Party has a new person in charge of the day-to-day operations.

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Joanna Saul has a new job with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio as vice president of government affairs and public advocacy.

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## **2 REASONS ONE DEMOCRAT SAYS 'OHIO IS GOING IN A TERRIBLE DIRECTION'**

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper will visit Butler County tonight to talk about the upcoming statewide political cycle.

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West Chester Twp. trustees say it would be great if Ohio turned into a "right to work" state, because then the township wouldn't have to.

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Roger T. Winemiller lost his sister to a heroin overdose the night before Easter last year.

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President Donald Trump's first few weeks have left Washington disoriented and environmentalists worried.

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House Democrats say Ohioans need to wake up and realize the Republican tax plans passed over the past decade have not been working to create jobs.

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Like Ohio's libraries and K-12 school districts, vocational schools soon could be feeling the squeeze of Ohio's tightening purse strings.

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Even if your eyes glaze at the mere mention of Medicaid, this might widen your peepers: Ohio's revamped setup is saving taxpayers \$1 billion annually — and the amount is growing.

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Arguing that hospitals put patient care at risk by overworking essential front-line caregivers, nurses across Ohio are pushing lawmakers to limit the number of patients for whom they are responsible.

### **EDUCATION INSIDER: SOME IN COLUMBUS SCHOOLS DATA-RIGGING SCANDAL YET TO BE PUNISHED**

Will the state Department of Education ever discipline dozens of Columbus City Schools principals and other administrators who participated in the district's data scandal?

### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: ROB SECAUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OHIO GOP**

The Ohio Republican Party has a new person in charge of the day-to-day operations.

### **THE DAILY BRIEFING: JOANNA SAUL HIRED AS PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Joanna Saul has a new job with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio as vice president of government affairs and public advocacy.

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### **2 REASONS ONE DEMOCRAT SAYS 'OHIO IS GOING IN A TERRIBLE DIRECTION'**

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper will visit Butler County tonight to talk about the upcoming statewide political cycle.

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West Chester Twp. trustees say it would be great if Ohio turned into a "right to work" state, because then the township wouldn't have to.

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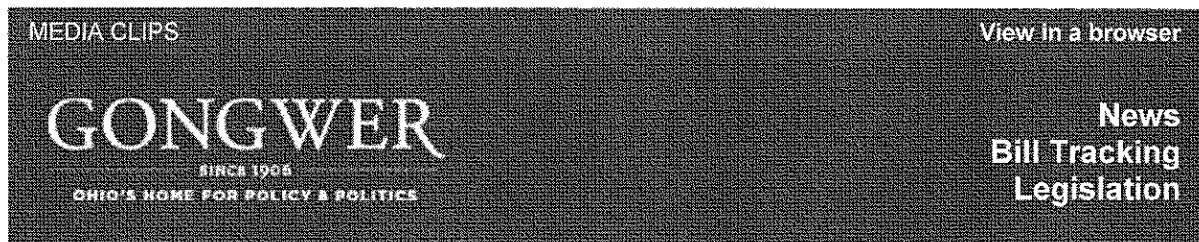
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Ohio congress members Marcia Fudge, Tim Ryan back Jaime Harrison of SC for DNC chair (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

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Sherrod Brown, 10 other senators, call for special investigation of Flynn (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

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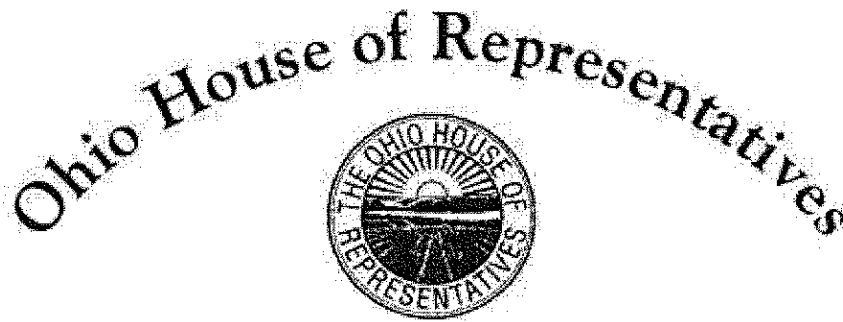
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